



## Idaho Crop & Livestock Producer News

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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the August Fruit Survey. Apple and prune & plum production is reported for Idaho, selected states, and the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at [nass-id@nass.usda.gov](mailto:nass-id@nass.usda.gov) or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

Vince Matthews  
Director

### Idaho 2010 Apple, Prune and Plum Production

Idaho is expecting an apple crop of 70 million pounds, up 56 percent from last year but down 18 percent above 2008. Prune and plum production in Idaho is expected to total 2,400 tons, up 20 percent from last year and up 9 percent from 2008. Favorable weather conditions were beneficial for this season's excellent prune and plum crop.

The United States apple forecast for the 2010 crop year is 9.48 billion pounds, down 4 percent from last year. Poor weather conditions for apple production were reported by growers in the apple estimating States.

Production for apples in the Western States (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Washington) is forecast at 6.20 billion pounds, up 6 percent from last year. Washington production, which makes up 60 percent of the United States total, is forecast at 5.65 billion pounds, up 5 percent from last year. Washington experienced a cold, late spring this year. California apple production is forecast at 310 million pounds, 17 percent above last year. California growers reported low pest and disease pressure, and very good quality. Oregon's production is forecast at 130 million pounds, unchanged from 2009. Apples in Oregon typically exhibit an alternate bearing pattern and this year was expected to be up. However, due to unfavorable spring weather that has adversely affected crop production, this pattern did not occur this year.

Prunes and plums production in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 13,400 tons, down 28 percent from last year. Oregon's forecast, at 5,000 tons, is 47 percent below last year. Growers reported that the cool, wet spring weather was detrimental to their crop. Others reported windy and generally poor conditions during bloom and hail damage, which led to lower yields and a potentially poor quality crop. Washington's production is forecast at 4,200 tons, down 2 percent from 2009. Washington experienced a cold, late spring this year, with some producers reporting frost damage and pollination problems. Michigan production is forecast at 1,800 tons, down 38 percent from a year ago. The plum crop potential was reduced by a spring frost that came after many fruit buds had sprouted.

**Apples, Commercial: Total Production<sup>1</sup>, Selected States and United States,  
2008 – 2009 and Forecasted August 1, 2010**

| State          | 2008                  | 2009    | 2010    |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|
|                | <i>Million Pounds</i> |         |         |
| Arizona        | 18.0                  | 5.5     | 15.0    |
| California     | 360.0                 | 265.0   | 310.0   |
| Colorado       | 18.0                  | 16.0    | 16.0    |
| Connecticut    | 19.5                  | 19.5    | 17.0    |
| Idaho          | 85.0                  | 45.0    | 70.0    |
| Illinois       | 46.2                  | 46.0    | 50.0    |
| Indiana        | 23.0                  | 30.0    | 25.0    |
| Maine          | 38.5                  | 34.0    | 28.0    |
| Maryland       | 41.5                  | 46.5    | 40.0    |
| Massachusetts  | 41.0                  | 43.5    | 35.5    |
| Michigan       | 590.0                 | 1,150.0 | 610.0   |
| Minnesota      | 27.1                  | 23.2    | 18.0    |
| Missouri       | 30.2                  | 18.5    | 32.0    |
| New Hampshire  | 36.5                  | 30.0    | 24.5    |
| New Jersey     | 43.0                  | 43.0    | 44.0    |
| New York       | 1,270.0               | 1,380.0 | 1,200.0 |
| North Carolina | 165.0                 | 120.0   | 144.0   |
| Ohio           | 104.0                 | 115.5   | 110.0   |
| Oregon         | 119.0                 | 130.0   | 130.0   |
| Pennsylvania   | 440.0                 | 510.0   | 488.0   |
| Utah           | 12.0                  | 18.0    | 10.0    |
| Vermont        | 44.0                  | 40.0    | 33.0    |
| Virginia       | 226.0                 | 245.0   | 244.0   |
| Washington     | 5,650.0               | 5,400.0 | 5,650.0 |
| West Virginia  | 85.0                  | 82.0    | 81.8    |
| Wisconsin      | 57.0                  | 43.5    | 34.9    |
| United States  | 9,633.3               | 9,914.9 | 9,476.1 |

<sup>1</sup> In orchards of 100 or more bearing trees

**Prunes and Plums: Total Production by State and 4-State Total,  
2008 – 2009 and Forecasted August 1, 2010**

| State         | 2008        | 2009   | 2010   |
|---------------|-------------|--------|--------|
|               | <i>Tons</i> |        |        |
| Idaho         | 2,200       | 2,000  | 2,400  |
| Michigan      | 2,300       | 2,900  | 1,800  |
| Oregon        | 7,500       | 9,400  | 5,000  |
| Washington    | 3,500       | 4,300  | 4,200  |
| 4-State Total | 15,500      | 18,600 | 13,400 |

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